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There was no shortage of gravy — or turkey, cranberries, potatoes, or pies — at the Hill's free Thanksgiving dinner, thanks to dozens of volunteers

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You can certainly pick up many gift items in your favorite grocery, drugstore and restaurant. And thought an additional holiday shopping guide might lighten up gift-seeking problems that always occur at this time of the year.

At the corner of Dellaro and Mariposa check out the delightful Basic Brown Bear factory and pick out a furry friend for that special tot... or grownup. And as you wend your way around the Hill, stop at the Builder's Booksource, and find just the right book of instructions for do-it-yourselfers as they work on their homes. And the Craftsman's Guild next door deserves a look-see for what they have to offer in hand-crafted furniture, paintings, jewelry and musical instruments made by Northern Californians. (Both are at 300 DeHaro).

Along 18th Street drop in at Potrero Mail 'N More for novelty holiday cards and gift wrap, and even get your packages wrapped for mailing. Collage offers gift ideas for the home, as well as handmade jewelry. Mager Winc and Cheese will put together delicious gift baskets — and you'll always find that special book at Christopher's Books.

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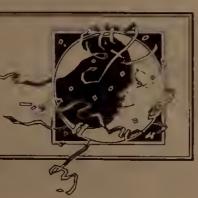
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GETTING INVOLVED

PRIENDS OF McKINLEY SQUARE. If it's too late for the Dec. 4 fundraiser/holiday party at the Bottom of the Hill club, Sat. 3-7 p.m., be advised you need not be present to win the raffle. The next regular meeting will be on Tues., Dec. 7, 7-8:30pm at the Nabe, 953 De Haro St.

POTRERO HILL PARENTS ASSN. will hold its Winter Holiday party on Sun., Dec. 12, 2-5 p.m. at the Jackson Rec building, corner of Mariposa & Arkansas Sts. (Donations requested). The regular meeting will be on Tues., Dec. 14, 7-8:30 p.m. The Saturday Children's Activity program will continue, 10 a.m. through December; while the Tues. pre-school Art classes will resume in Jan. 1994. All activities are at the Jackson Rec Building. Also in January, watch for a repeat of the Heart Assn. CPR class. 621-5773 to register.

ROSES (Residents of the Southeast Sector). If you miss the Dec. 2 meeting, come to the January 6 meeting at 1800 Oakdale (off Bayshore) at Phelps. 7 pm.

THE POTRERO HILL BOOSTERS & MERCHANTS ASSN., skipping Dec., will meet

next on Jan. 25, upstairs at the Potrero Library, 1616 - 20th St. at 7:30 p.m.

POTRERO HILL HEALTH CENTER ADVISORY GROUP will meet at the Center, 1050 Wisconsin St. on Monday, Dec. 13 and Monday, Jan. 10 at 6 p.m. Come and hear about new staff, renovations and preparations for 1994-95 budget. Meetings are open to patients, neighbors and friends. Please come and share your medical and dental

PLAN (Potrero League of Action Neighbors) will not meet in Dec., but will pick up its third Wed. of the month schedule on Jan. 19, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. at the Neighborhood House.

THE POTRERO HILL DEMOCRATIC CLUB will also forego a Dec. date, meeting next on Tues., Jan. 11 at the Neighborhood House.

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ENCHANTMENT THROUGH SONG

Opera Piccola: Welcome winter by spending an evening enjoying Opera Piccola's Winter Solstice performance For seasonal (and seasoned) enthusiasts of all ages, it's at 7 p.m. Wednesday,

Holiday Caroling: on Wednesday, Dec. 15, join library staff member Lois Bailey and library patron Elizabeth Boileau as they lead us in carols, songs and festive music across the Hill. Carolers start off at the Library at 6:30 p.m. and return at 7:30. Requests for favorites and contributions of songs from a variety of nations and traditions are welcome. Please make suggestions in advance of the event. We look forward to hearing your voice amid the merry throng. BOOK TALKS AT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students at Potrero Ilill Middle School recently heard San Francisco Public Library Middle School Liaison, Susan Harloe, present book talks on recentlyacquired Young Adult paperback titles now available. The success of the event has been registered in the increased number of requests from local middle schoolers for titles such as "The Face on the Milk Carton" by Caroline Cooney and 'How to Draw Comics the Marvel Way'

"CAN'T WE ALL GET ALONG?"

Be sure to see our holiday display with Rodney King's impassioned plea for human solidarity as its centerpiece. Look for our Young Adult display in Jan-

by Stan Lee. Thank you, Potrero Middle

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

School for having us.

Preschool storytimes are Wednesdays at 7 p.m. At the Dec. storytime, children will make ornaments to help decorate the Library. Children may add their names to the ornaments they make. Infant-toddler lapsits are Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. Exceptions: Dec. 1 and Dec. 15.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON

ORDER

* Bright, Susie, ed. "The Best American Erotica, 1993." Some readers may

find this just the right antidote for holiday blues or blahs.

- * Oz, Amos. "Fima." Israel chronicler maintains a high level of intellectual and emotional energy as well as fierce passion and comic brio in this
- * Doyle, Roddy. "Paddy Clarke Ila Ha Ha." Story of boy growing up in Dublin. 1993 Booker Prize Winner.
- * Moorhead, Caroline, "Bertrand Russell: A Life." A vivid and compelling portrait of the internationally re-nowned social commentator and acti-
- * Kerns, Lawrence, M.D., with Adrienne B. Lieberman. "Helping Your Depressed Child: A Reassuring Guide to the Causes and Treatment of Childhood and Adolescent Depression." 'Tis the season to be prepared.
- * Youngson, Robert. "The Surgery Book: An Illustrated Guide to 75 of the Most Common Operations." Illustrates and describes step-by-step surgical procedures, explains why the operation is recommended and what to expect after-

COMING ATTRACTIONS: CHILDREN'S

- * Ancona, George. "Pablo Remembers. The Ficsta of the Day of the Dead."
- * Bial, Raymond. "Amish Home."
- * Bolton, Linda. "Hidden Pictures."
- * Hopkinson, Deborah. "Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt."
- * Carle, Eric. "La Chenille Affamee" (French-language edition of "The Very llungry Caterpillar.")

BRIDGES DONORS & PINCH HITTERS

Thank-you to the anonymous patrons who gave personal copies of "Bridges of Madison County" to help bail us out until our branch copy arrived. A belated thank-you to Jimmy Gotesky, a member of the Potrero Hill Multi-Ethnic Theatre troupe, who pinch-hit as comic book drawing teacher to 11 young aspiring cartoonist-patrons.

Toba Singer Branch Librarian

The View.

NABE'S ENOLA MAXWELL HONORED:

Enola Maxwell, Director of the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, was among the honorees feted nt the Second Annual Reception Celebrating Women's Leadership at the Women's Building on 18th St. Other leaders honored were: Eva Jefferson Patterson, Elaine Kim, Pat Lee, Judy Heuman, Georgia Quinones, and the Alliance Against Women's Oppression.

OPPOSITION TO HELIPORT PLANS GROWS:

Plans to place a heliport on the Bay's edge at the foot of 22nd St. near Pier 70 met vociferous opposition from some 65 Potrero Hill residents at a meeting held at J. M. Scott School. Recalling city proposals to concentrate pawn shop and porno bazaars in the Potrero District, Father Peter Sammon, pastor of St. Teresa's Church, set the tone of the opposition when he told the sponsors of the project, Air Exec. Inc. of Concord: "If you think you feel hostility in this room you're right. We've been the recipient of City Hall 'gifts' before." Danger and noise were the chief concern of the citizens

PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS WIN ONE:

A year-long tenant struggle came to a successful conclusion with the removal of trash dumpsters from Potrero Terrace and Annex housing projects. The City's llousing Authority had replaced individual cans and building-to-building pickup service with a handful of dumpsters scattered through the projects. Tenants objected to these as an inconvenience, a danger to childrn playing around them, and as an unsanitary breeding ground for rats and roaches. However, tenant demands concerning maintenance, appliance services, community security and greater accountability of city housing authorities in general remained unmet.

NEIGHBOR HELPS NAB FRIEND"S ASSAILANT:

When Bruce Franks and his wife Lisa were awakened at 6 a.m. one night back in 1983 by cries of help from their upstairs neighbor and friend LuAnne Daly they knew what to do. Lisa went for the phone; Bruce grabbed a baseball bat and headed for the front door where he was confronted by a man dashing from the upstairs flat. With another neighbor, Jack Cohnsteadt (who was armed with a fireplace poker), Franks held the intruder until the police arrived some three minutes later. To the expressions of thanks and the plaudits of neighbors, Franks said: "You're supposed to protect each other and care about what's happening next door or upstairs. This is what I was supposed to do."

HILL DWELLERS REMEMBER SPEAKEASIES:

When Prohibition was repealed in December, 1933 the action was received "with a marked lack of enthusiasm in San Francisco where the freedom of the individual had been a tradition since Gold Rush days," wrote San Francisco historian Oscar Lewis. Potrero Hill life under Prohibition was recalled for View readers by neighborhood old-timers who told of speakeasies and bathtub beer. Anna Coles showed View writer Stephanie Potter the old speakeasy bar that still exists in her basement on Vermont St. "Never got raided," she boasted.

Bulldozers and graders finally got started on the Wisconsin St. housing development (now Parkview Heights) ... State achievement tests in 1983 for 790,000 third, sixth and twelfth grade students in reading, writing and math showed Potrero Hill elementary schools at the bottom of the list of 69 city schools ... the Ruby Rose llotel at 730 - 22nd St. ("Potrero's only residential hotel") advertised rooms with "community kitchen" for \$240 per month ... Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) staff were seeking ideas for the design and placement of a memorial to the late Congressman Phil Burton at Fort Mason ... The Julian Theater was preparing a production of "Oh, Danny Boy," a drama concerned with questions in the aftermath of the killings by Dan White of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk. The playwright was Art Bierman, a professor of philosophy at S.F. State ... Potrero Ilill Rec Center's "49ers" captured the 1983 Senior Flag Football championship.

- Vas Arnautoff

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Hill Duo Organize Seventh Annual Ballet Treat for Kids

By Stephanie Potter

For Marion Lucchesi and Aida Anderson, two long-time residents of Potrero Hill, Christmas comes a few weeks earlier than it does for most people.

Each year, for the past seven years. they have organized attendance at a performance of the San Francisco Ballet's Nutcracker Suite for some 100 low income children aged 6-14. The children are dazzled by the dancing, the costumes, music, scenery, the Opera House itself, and their enchantment is deeply gratifying to Anderson and Lucchessi. For so many, Anderson says, "it's the first time they see this — the magnificent dancing and the costumes During the First Act, they might be a little restless, but by Act Two - the famous candy scene - they're right in there with the ballet. It's all I look forward to at Christmas time.

Lucchesi shares Anderson's enthusiasm: "What a kick! When it's over, even little boys are pirouetting right on the sidewalk and asking, 'Can we go again next year?"' She remembers that first year when the charter bus didn't come by and "we flagged down" a #19 Muni bus.

Anderson recalls one year when a young boy, about 12, who during "Act One, was absolutely bored, and fidgeting. By Act Two he was watching the conductor — and whatever the conductor

did the boy did! You can't imagine what I felt! That was the year the conductor, Denis de Coteu, took all of us beebstage. I took de Coteu aside and tolc him about the boy. He was so pleased he tool this boy by the hand and onto the stage and showed him the ballering and her prince practicing. This hoys eves were as wide as saucers! When he can it out he said 'Thank you!' What more can task?"

Anderson and Lucchessi half work of together on other projects prior to this "Years ago Aida and I would usher at the opera for school programs," said Lucchesi. They were both on former Mayor Dianne Feinstein's advisory committee for the design of Parlivior Heights on the south slope of Potrero Hill, and they were also on a committee to help plan the exterior color and decoration of the Hills Brothers Coffee building to the north of the hill.

Anderson, who herself had been in the ballet 20 years or so, recalled "reading something in the paper about how some children don't have much of an opportunity of seeing a real Christmas. I thought that if they could see the Nutcracker, for just two hours they could realize there's another world — a world of fantasy that's beautiful and peaceful and graceful."

She and Lucchesi asked Hills Brothers to sponsor 100 children from three schools on Potrero Hill, and they agreed.



Aida Anderson and Joyce Armstrong (back row left) shepherd Potrero Hill youngsters to the Opera House for a performance by the S.F. Ballet Company of the annual favorite, "The Nutcracker."

Ruth Passen photo

Hills Brothers' sponsorship has continued, even after they were taken over by Nestle's and moved their offices to the waterfront. After two or three years the two women persuaded Southern Pacific Realty (now known as Catellus), to become involved as well, and their sponsorship also continues. The San Francisco Ballet Assn. also helps out — selling them tickets for \$12 that would otherwise cost \$45.

With the recession, the number of sponsored tickets has dropped from a high of 900 in the late 1980s. This year 100 children have been selected. And with fewer children, the selection process has been shifted from the schools to the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House. Both women agree that the Nabe's Ruth Passen and Joyce Armstrong do a good job. "They even get some kids from Bayview and Hunters Point," said Lucchesi.

Lucchesi and Anderson both have a tradition of ballet and opera attendance in their own families. Lucchesi, who is retired from the City Commission on Aging, has two daughers and "they loved the ballet," she said. "That was always the treat for the holidays."

Anderson's mother attended the opera "Aida", two months before Anderson was born, and gave the name to her daughter. Anderson's own two children, a boy and a girl, were also treated to the opera and ballet regularly and now attend with their children.

For Anderson the opera and ballet provide an "uplift of the spirit," and she would love "to be able to get more corporations involved to support maybe another 100 children — maybe for the Youth Symphony or the Opera matinee." And she would also like to "see the Ballet Association send some of their dancers to the schools to give performances."

She would also like to be able to send entire families — "the parents and sisters and brothers" — to "The Nutcracker," so that it could be more integrated into their lives. She stresses that there is emphasis on sports and notes that "I'm not antisport, but that's such a competitive thing if all they do is play ball. Think of the child that doesn't win. Stick them in the opera and they can know there is other music, that there's something else waiting for them."



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Hill Park Gets Facelift; 'Friends' Plan More Work

McKinley Square at 20th and Vermont Streets got a face lift November 6 when 15 students from Potrero Hill's International Studies Academy joined neighbors to clear out trash and trim shrubbery from the park's west slope.

The cleanup was one of a series of activities planned by Friends of Mc-Kinley Square, a neighborhood group organized by park neighbor Joan Anthony, which has taken on the task of rejuvenating the 125 year old facility. The goal of the Friends: "To provide a safe and healthy park for users of all ages and interests."

The ISA students, under the direction of Anthony and Cathy Franklin, and with the help of teacher Maria Rode, filled more than 20 large garbage bags with trash and trimmed more than a truckload of underbrush and low-hanging branches. Elaine Molinari and Mike Morlin of the City's Recreation and Parks

Department, which supplied the tools and bags, instructed the young volunteers in the use of the equipment and in basic pruning methods. Rec-Park also hauled away the trash.

Further improvements planned by the Friends of McKinley Square include: upgrading the play equipment for children, providing handicapped and stroller access, and adding a fence and/or hedge to help keep children away from a steep drop off on the western edge of the grassy area.

To finance the improvements the Friends have applied to the city for community development funds and are organizing fund raising activities such as the raffle December 4 at 3 p.m. at the Bottom of the Hill club at 1233 - 17th St. Business and individual contributions are also being solicited.

Those interested in participating in the activities of the Friends of Mc-Kinley Square are invited to call \$21-7279.





(Top) Joan Anthony, organizer of the Friends of McKinley Square, stands amid the trash that covered large areas of the hilltop park at 20th and Vermont Streets before the cleanup November 6. (Bottom) Giuliana Guerra, student at the International Studies Academy on Vermont St., was among the students who helped out in the cleanup. Others were: Bhanica Adams, Emily Chen, Ben Cardona, Billy Martin, Ingrid Martinez, Samantha Molina, Wendell Miculob and Michelle Samson.

Cothy Fronklin photos



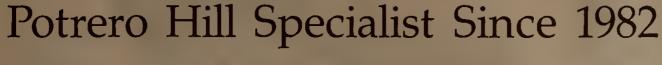
CLEANUP DAY

Hard at work during the November graffiti paint-out and clean-up day in the Potrero public housing area are Neighborhood House Executive Director Enola D. Maxwell and City Attorney Louise Renne (left and right) and a neighborhood youngster.

Ruth Passen photo













Hill's Free Annual Thanksgiving Feast Is Five Years Old - And Still Growing

Potrero Hill's free Thanksgiving Dinner celebrated its fifth anniversary last month — "quadrupled in size since our first year," founder Alison Dance of the Asimakopotous Cafe proudly boasted.

Dozens of volunteers, about two-thirds from Potrero Hill, served nearly 600 meals from noon to 3 p.m. on Thanksgiving at St. Teresa's Church on Connecticut Street. Early diners were primarily families and senior citizens and, as the afternoon wore on, more single men took their holiday meal on the Hill. Organizers of the dinner ran shuttle service to and from llospitality House in the Tenderloin, as well as the train station at Fourth and Townsend Streets.

The dinner began in 1988 on a smaller scale at Asimakopolous and moved to

St. Teresa's when it began bursting the Hill restaurant's seams. And for many volunteers it has become a Thanksgiving tradition.

Potrero llill musician Chuck Bennett, who worked this year with his wife, artist Joni Eisen, and their son Reed, recalls that three years ago "we weren't going to do anything special on Thanksgiving and had heard about this. It seemed like a good idea, so we tried it. Now it's so much fun we end up looking forward to it and we do it every year."

For some volunteers, like Santa Rosan Jeanne Krafft, however, it was a first time effort. She said that helping to cook the free dinner "makes me feel that I'm doing something that makes a difference, even if it's just one day." And while most volunteers were hard at work in the kitchen or helping to serve meals, making lhe dinner a success, took other tasks as well. For example, Dance told The View, frequent restaurant patron Jamie Lasko asked her how he could help and she suggested that he play his guitar to provide music for the diners. For Marie Simmons and Paul Berry, their station was the door, rather than the kitchen. "I love welcoming peopte," Simmons said. "Each time I do, it lifts my own spirits."

Included among the many who donated their time, funds or food to the effort were: Aperto; Sally's; Bloom's; Moshi Mruni; Klein's Deli; Consumer's Distributing; Collage; Daily Scoop; Christopher's Books; New Potrero Market; Communications West; Ford Real Estate; Good Life Grocery; A New Modesto; American Poultry; Niman Schell Meats; Gilt Edge Creamery; Alvarado Bakery; Bill's Produce; Shamrock Produce; Bread Workshop; Betsey Carpenter, D.C.; S.E. Rykoff; Dr. Video; Esprit; Garibaldi's and Safeway.

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Also Joni, Chuck and Reed Bennett-Eisen; Norm Bowers; Jeanne Krafft; Ray McGrath; Marie Simmons; Dawnie DeVos; Joe Johnson; Jane Valerius; Brendan Dance; Blane Finell; Sara Scanlan; Kelly Rogers; St. Teresa's Church, and, said organizer Dance, "a big Thank You also to anyone I may have missed."



Marie Simmons and Paul Berry welcome Thanksgiving dinner guests.

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The Bottom of the Hill becomes host this month for organizations in their fundraising efforts: Dec. 4 from 3-7 p.m. there will be music by "The Bluescasters," and a drawing with proceeds to benefit the McKinley Square Park Renovation Project -- \$5/single, \$8/couple; children under 18 free. And on Dec. 16 the club will be the place to support Hearing Education and Awareness for Rockers (H.E.A.R.), while listening to Squid Vicious Orchestra, and other rockers. The event benefits H.E.A.R.'s free hearing screening clinic and research and educational outreach programs at the Univ. of Calif. Center on Deafness. Showtime is 8:30 p.m. with tickets \$5 at the door. Patrons must be 21 years of age or over.

The Second Annual Friends of the Urban Forest Tree Planting takes place at Islais Creek (on Third Street across from Fire House 25) Dec. 18, 8 a.m. to noon. Go out and give them a hand, or just go check it out as an important neighbor to Potrero Hill.



Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly needs volunteers to prepare packages and visit with lonely and isolated seniors in the city on Christmas Day. To volunteer call 771-7957.

Artists, administrators and board members of San Francisco arts and cultural organizations can learn about the Hotel Tax/Grants for the Arts application process for 1994/95 funding at free workshops on Dec. 13. This grant provides funds to support music, dance, theater, visual arts, literary arts and multi-arts groups. For info call 554-6710.

The Benefits Company, in conjunction with SOMA Acupunture Clinic, is sponsoring a free monthly health lecture series for Potrero Hill residents. The next topic in this series is "Stop Smoking Successfully," Jan. 5, from 7-8 p.m. at the Neighborhood House at 953 De Haro St. Carl Hangee-Bauer, Acupuncturist and Naturopath, will give this lecture.

The Community Women's Orchestra presents a concert of French music at the Potrero Hill Middle School, 655 De Haro St., on Tues., Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. The program includes Bizet's "L'Arlesienne Suite No. I," and Ravel's "Ma Mere L'Oye." There is a suggested donation of

The Connecticut Yankee at 100 Connecticut St. announces live Sunday acoustic musical evenings beginning Dec. 5, and featuring renowned jazz guitarist Bruce Forman and his special guests. There is no cover charge.

"The Wizard of Oz" by Young Performers Theatre plays for young and old at the Ft. Mason Center, Bldg. C, Third Floor, Dec. 4 - 19, Saturday and Sundays at 1 and 3:30 p.m., and 1 p.m. on Dec. 20, 21 and 22. Tickets are \$5 for children 24 months to 12 years, \$7 for 13 years and older. For info call 346-5550.

Researchers at the UCSF/Mt Zion Center on Aging are looking for people with a mild or moderate form of Alzheimer's to take part in studies of two experimental drug treatments for the disease. Studies include 10 to 15 appointments at the Center over a five to seven month period. Extensive testing will be done at the beginning and end of the period at no cost to the patient. For info call Dr. Meryl Brod or Hazel Outlaw at 750-4170.

Shanti Project seeks volunteers to provide a variety of services to people with HHV-related diseases and their loved ones. Like the clients with whom they work, Shanti volunteers come from all parts of the diverse San Francisco community. Persons interested in becoming volunteers should phone Darnell Stinson, 777-CARE.



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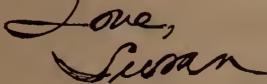






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Kurt Hase Honored for Beautification Projects

Hill resident Kurt Hase was named "Gardener of the Year for 1993," and presented with an award in recognition of his "significant" efforts in neighborhood beautification by the Potrero Hill Garden Club Nov. 14.

He coordinated the planting of 160 free trees in the Potrero Ilill community in 1992 through a program with the Friends of the Urban Forest. He was commended for that program as well as for his work with San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) and the California Conservation Corps in the reconstruction of the Connecticut Street Friendship Garden and the relandscaping now underway on the dirt

path linking Arkansas and Connecticut

Hase, whose only garden space is on the roof of his apartment building, is a founding member of the local garden club, an affiliate of California Garden Clubs, Inc. Because of the beautification projects led by Hase, the Potrero Hill Garden Club was awarded a silver platter perpetual trophy this spring by the Bay Ocean District of California

The award presentation to Hase was made by local author and SLUG founder Pierce. For information about the Potrero Hill Garden Club, call 285-6807.



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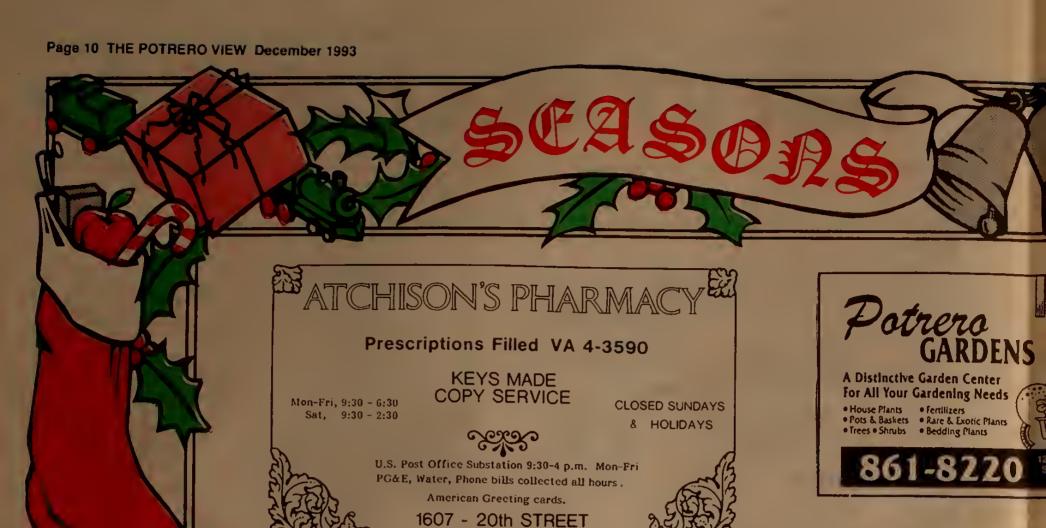
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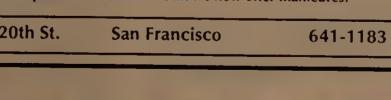
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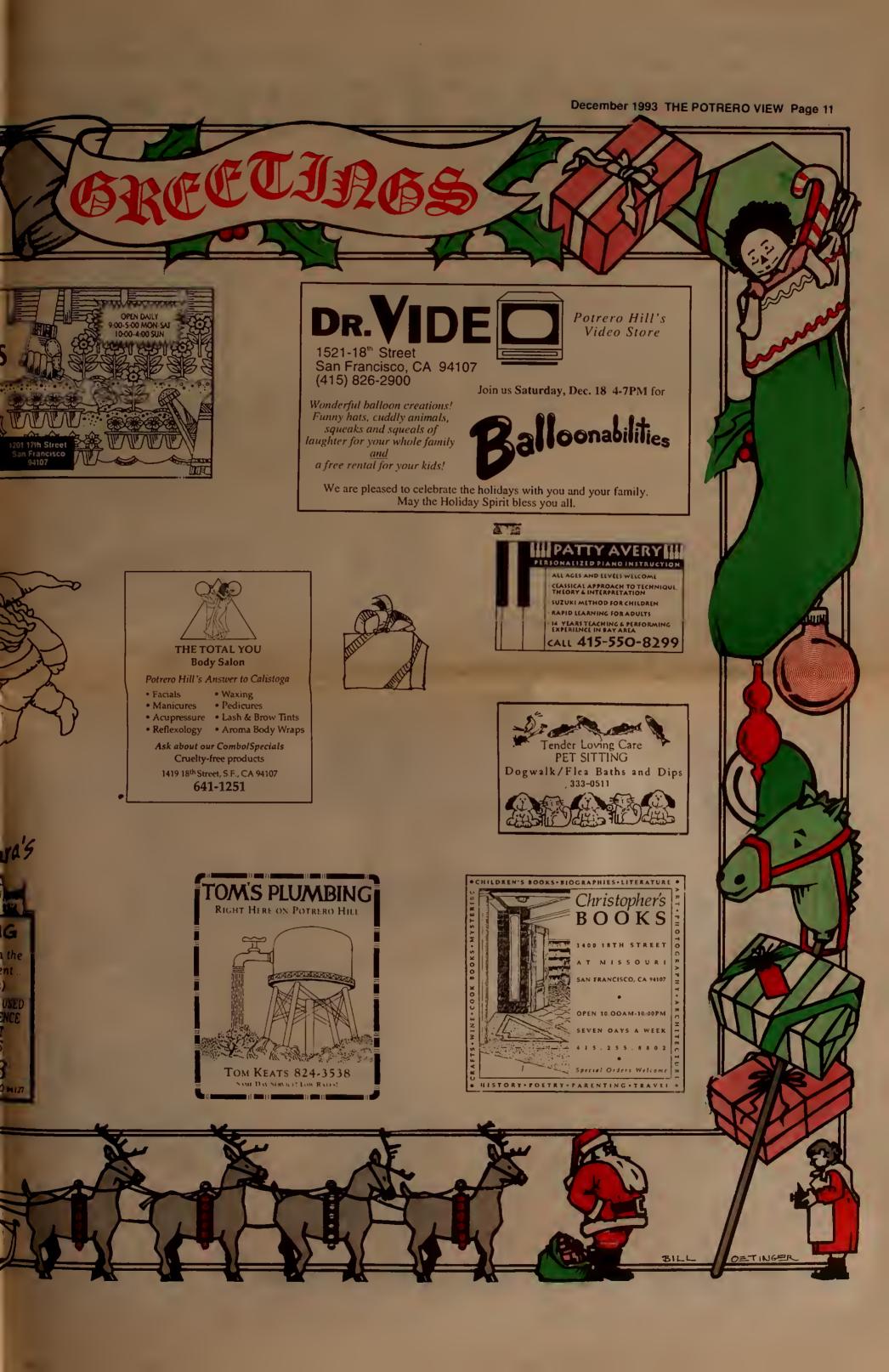
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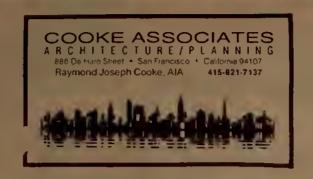
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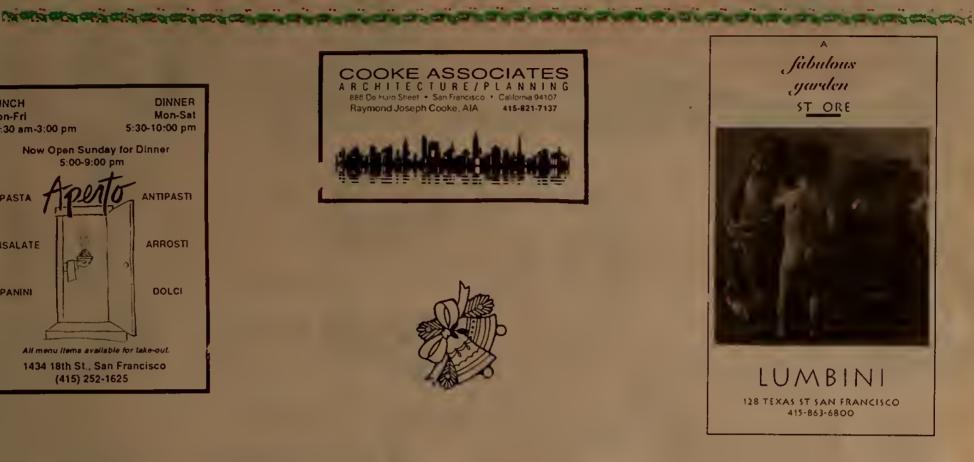
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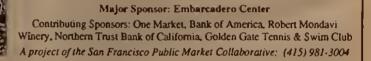








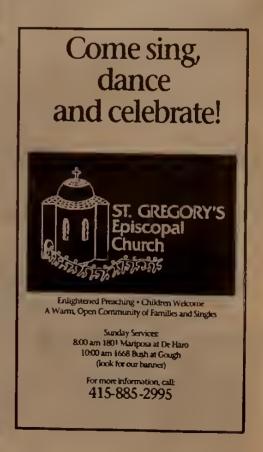






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Music, Dance Show Slated By Nabe Special Clients

For the past two years, dancer Kim Epifano has been teaching her special music and dance techniques to the clients at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House's Social Development Center, and is proud of the performance they will offer the community Dec. 16.

"These clients are unconditional and just who they are," says Epifano, "and they make me laugh all the time." A Potrero Hill resident and neighbor. Epifano works with the Nabe's developmentally disabled adults under grants from the California Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The dancer regularly appears with the Contrahand Dance Company, who perform locally as well as nationally, and travels with the company for overseas appearances.

Epifano is highly enthusiastic about working with the members of the Social Development Center's Performance Workshop and says they are "incredible artists!" The special performance takes place in the Neighborhood Ilouse at 953 De Haro St., at 10 a.m. on Dcc, 15, Everyone is welcome to attend this free event.



Social Development Center clients performing in a dance workshop, above, are Debbie Cannon, Raymond Christenson, Mattie Miller, Monroe McLoed (left to right) with director Kim Epifano (right) helping out.

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Neighborhood House Seeks Tutors

Volunteer tutors are needed for the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House's "Learning Center," an after-school program to help elementary and middle school students with their homework. This daily program runs from 2:30 - 5 p.m., and an evening one is scheduled from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesdays, where refreshments are served.

The Nabe also offers a Teen Center for youngsters aged 13-17 with a program of sports, board games, computer lab, dance movement, movies, sewing projects,

team sports, video games, a weight room, and a weekly Teen Council.

New additions to the regular afternoon activities at the Neighborhood House are two gospel choirs -- one for youngsters 6-12, and another for those aged 13-17. The choir rehearses Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3-5 p.m. under the direction of Larry Byes.

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Teen Juries Deliberate In Youth Court System

By Jeff Wood

The 1993-94 session of the San Francisco Youth Court opened on the second floor of the Potrero Branch Library with the start of the school year. The Youth Court is a unique program in which teen agers who commit nusdemennors are diverted from the juvenile court system and are sentenced instead by a jury of their peers, other teenagers.

The citywide program, instituted in 1988, his received national attention from CNN News for its effectiveness in deterring youth from becoming repeat offenders and for its format.

During list month's session, three detendants were sentenced by a jury of 11 techniques to hours of community service, letters of apology to the victims of their crimes, and essays about the effects of their actions.

To be eligible for Youth Court, teenagers must be first time offenders and plead guilty to their crime. In exchange for their guilty plea, defendants avoid the Juvemle court system, and upon completion of their "sentence," their records are expuseed.

In years past, the Court operated much like the rest of the judicial system, with youth "attorneys" who defended and prosecuted their peers and a volunteer attorney who acted as a judge for the court. The idea was to get more youth involved in a justice system that usually alienates them.

Unfortunately, many of the defending "attorneys" were too skillful in their plendings before the court and defend ants received sentences deemed too lement by the director of the Court.

The director of San I rancisco Youth Courts, Shiron Baskin, cited defense



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arguments such as "pot smoking isn't such a serious crime, marijuana should be legalized anway," as the kind that led to this year's new format in which there are no youth representatives.

During a recent session, each member of the jury stood and asked questions of the defendants. The defendants answered the jury question directly.

Questions from the jury such as, "How would you feel if you were the victim?," "What do you think is a fair sentence considering your behavior?," and "What people do you respect and admire?" were used to try to create a greater understanding of the motives behind teen crime for all involved in the proceedings.

The proceedings seemed laborious at times, before the jury had become comfortable with the questions they were posing and the defendants became comfortable answering them. Deliberation for both cases presented was longer than the question and answer session. As the year progresses and the jury becomes more confident, the trials are expected to progress at a faster pace.

Ken Le Bon, a San Francisco attorney and the judge for the October session, described the Court as an opportunity to "give youth a second chance."

Defendants are required to attend a three-hour self-esteem workshop and a two-hour evaluation workshop. Community service sentences, court organizers stress, help defendants feel like a greater part of what goes on around them, and the essays and letters of apology allow them to think about the repercussions of their actions.

Baskin is the Director of San Francisco Youth Courts, Inc., a non-profit corporation working in conjunction with the San Francisco Police Department to make Youth Court possible. The Court is a development of SAFE, Inc. in conjunction with the Richmond Station of the San Francisco Police Dept. The concept was adopted from "Student Court" in Danville.

Baskin cited the cost effectiveness of the Youth Court as another advantage to the system. A typical jovenile defendant's trial costs \$160 - 170. The youth court equivalent costs only \$12. She says the program is "growing by leaps and bounds."

There are no statistics kept on how many juveniles choose to take part in the Youth Court system, or how many of the participants become repeat offenders, but evidence suggests that the Youth Court is a valuable alternative to traditional methods of juvenile justice.

TOTEM POLE



The grocery store at 1016 De Haro St. was owned in 1939 by William Scetwin, and his children Jim and Jackie with friend Shirley Durakoff posed across the street in front of a utility pole. The store was later taken over by the Bogdonov family who followed the Russian Molokan faith which meant they could not sell ham, bacon or alcohol.

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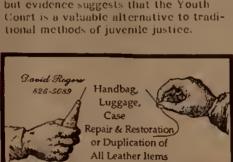


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Put the trussed and seasoned turkey on the grill, centered over the drip-pan, and cook 12 minutes to the pound. Add a few charcoals to each side as needed.

if the grill's lid won't fit over the turkey (as mine won't), make a loose-fitting tent from the foil and fasten it to the grill's bowl with clothes pins. Puncture the foil in several places, plus at the top, for air vents.

Protect the parts of the bird prone to burning with bits of foil - the wingtips, leg, and thigh area. Baste and season the bird as you would if it were being roasted in the oven. The timing given above produces meat pink at the bone sweet and juicy.



EGGPLANT DRESSING By Cynthia Zink Kansas Street

1 medium eggplant

4-5 cups day-old bread cubes

l tbs. soy sauce

1 tsp. each rosemary, basil, and

paprika 1/2 tsp. pepper

2 eggs

1/2 - 3/4 cup milk 1 medium onion, chopped

l cup Cheddar cheese, grated

Bake the eggplant, whole, on a cookie sheet at 350 degrees until soft; set aside to cool.

Toss the bread cubes in a large bowl with the spices.

Beat the eggs, milk and soy sauce and stir gently into the bread cubes; set aside to aoak.

Saute the onion in the butter til soft. While the onion is cooking acrape the pulp from the eggplant and chop it, discarding the skins.

Gently mix together the eggplant, onion, cheese, and bread-milk mixture. Use as a stuffing or bake in an oiled dish at 350 degrees for about 45 minutes or until puffed and browned.

TREE COOKIES

BY Nancy M. Fox
20th & Kansas Sts.

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2 1/2 cups flour 1 cup water

l cup salt

Mix the ingredients well and roll out to about 1/8-inch thickness. Cut with cookie cutters, punching a hole somewhere in the cookie for drawing through a hanging string when they are baked. Prick the cookies lightly ao they won't puff up. Bake on ungreased cookie sheets for about 20 to 30 minutes in a slow, 250 degree oven. When cooled, decorate, by painting, etc. Hang on the tree.



CHRISTMAS LOAF

l cup butter

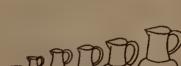
2 cups sugar

6 eggs

2 cups flour, unsifted l lb. candied cherries

l lb. pecans, chopped

Cream butter and sugar and add eggs one at a time, beating well after each. Reserve 1/2 cup of the flour and mix it with the cherries and the nuts. Sift remaining flour into the egg-butter mixture. Beat well. Add the floured cherries and nuts. Bake in a greased and floured pan at 325 degrees for 60-75 mins. or in 2 small loaf pans for 45-55



HOT MULLED WINE By Eve Milton

enamel (3 qt.) pot

l cup sugar

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In the water simmer the orange rind,

cloves and cinnamon for at least 15

minutes; taste occasionally to see

if the spices are noticeable, and

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pound butter (1 stick)

1 medium onion, minced

3 tsps. chopped parsley

Paprika

In a large, deep soup kettle, cook minced onion in half the butter until the onion is transparent; add oysters and their liquor, stirring often. Cook only until oyster edges curl. Meanwhile, scald milk and cream in separate pot, and add to oysters as they curl.

Heat mixture to near boiling and serve from pot or warm tureen. Float pat of butter in each bowl. sprinkle with parsley and paprika. Serve with oyster crackers or melba toast.



CHANUKAH LATKES By Judy Baston De Haro Street

Potato Latkes are the classic treat for Chanukah. They are delicious when topped with either applesauce or sour cream, or both.

5 large Idaho potatoes l large onion 4 eggs

1/3 cup matzo meal

salt & pepper to taste oil for frying pinch of baking powder

Crate potatoes and drain off liquid. Crate onion. Separate eggs and whip whites until they form soft peaks. Add onion and yolks to potatoes. Add matzo meal. Fold in egg whites. Add salt, pepper and baking soda. Heat oil in frying pan, then add pancake mixture, one heaping tablespoonful at a time. Turn when golden brown and remove when done. Drain on paper towels.

CHICKEN ADOBO By Ness Aquino 23rd Street

l chicken, about 2½ lbs. I clove garlic, minced Pinch of salt 1/2 tsp. black pepper l bay leaf 3 tbs. oil

1/2 c. white vinegar 2 cups water

1 c. thick coconut milk

Clean chicken, cut into pieces and season with the salt, pepper and garlic. Put it into a saucepan with the bay leaf, oil, water, and vinegar, and simmer until most of the water has evaporated and the chicken is cooked. Add the coconut milk, stir, and cook until heated, about 5 minutes.



FILLED FLENTJES (DUTCH CREPES) sweet or savory

By Eve Milton Carolina Street

1 c flour sifted with either ½ tsp salt (for savory) - or - 1 tsp sugar (for sweet)

3 or 4 eggs well beaten with rind of 1 lemon

1 cup milk

platter.

3 cup light cream

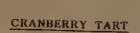
melt & pound sweet butter, adding l tbsp to the batter and reserving the rest for frying the flentjes. Whisk all together thoroughly until

smooth and the consistency of heavy cream. Let rest at least an hour. Heat a six inch skillet and brush with melted butter. Stir the batter well and pour 15 tbsps into the skillet, and quickly tilt from side to side to distribute the batter evenly. Brown one side only and flip unbrowned side down to a warm

Butter the skillet for each cake and brown quickly until all the batter is used. There should be 12 or 14 thin flentjes.

Fill the BROWNED side with 1 or 2 tbsps savory or sweet and roll the cake into a cylinder. Set the cylinders side by side in a buttered shallow baking pan.

If the filling is sweet, sprinkle the flentjes with sugar flavored with cinnamon or ginger. If the filling is savory sprinkle with grated cheese. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 15 to 20 min. or until flentjes are bubbly and brown.



Shell: l cup walnuts

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then add 3 Tbsp ice water -should be smooth.

Form dough and press into 12" tart pan. Chill & hour.

Line with beans and bake 10-12 min at 350° or until golden brown (beans can be removed and shell baked a few more minutes.) Shell

can be baked a day or two ahead.

Filling: Mix: 3 eggs 2/3 cup brown sugar 2/3 cup light corn syrup t cup melted butter tsp salt l tsp vanilla

Add: 2 cups whole cranberries 1 cup chopped walnuts

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(Submitted from Sally's Bakery -head baker Carol brought this with her from Connecticut.)



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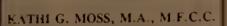
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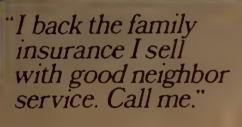
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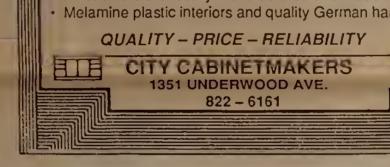


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